

# Tennessee Tire Issues



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# Tire Recycling Grants



- Awarded to County governments based on tire pre-disposal fees paid by local dealers
- For collection and recycling of tires
- Reimbursement is \$70 per ton for eligible tires
- County must contract for scrap tire recycling and may not landfill tires
- TDEC grants pay for 52,959 tons
- Cleanup grants for “priority” sites

# Grant Eligible Tires?



- Tires from tire generators that resulted from new tire sales
- Tires from local residents
- Tires from roadside litter pick ups
- Small cleanups (approved by TDEC)
- Other miscellaneous tires when origin can be determined

# Ineligible Tires



- Tires from used tire sales and used tire dealers
- Out of state tires
- Junkyard or salvage yard tires
- Tires from used cars/trucks when new tires are added to enhance vehicle re-sale value

# Grant Review Process



- 23,000 manifests annually
- 2200 tire dealers
- 88 counties-2 tire hubs
- DOR quarterly tire pre-disposal fee reports
- Discrepancies between estimated tire pre-disposal fees and tires manifested?
- TDEC notifies DOR of dealers with discrepancies
- DOR performs desk audit and refers some for full audit

# Issues



- \*\*\*\*\*Reports from DOR are at least 45 days old when received by TDEC, making comparisons to manifested tires difficult—estimation required
- Information is “confidential taxpayer info”
- Counties collect tires, ship to processor and **pay**—then, request reimbursement from TDEC
- Some tire dealers have processors’ trailers spotted at their business; county never sees tires
- The processor sends manifests and bill.

## Issues (continued)



- Used tire dealers and tire jockeys (Haulers and Transporters)
- Tires on new cars and trucks sold are not subject to the tire pre-disposal fee
- New tires added to used cars/trucks to enhance resale value are not subject to the tire pre-disposal fee
- \$1.35 charged for all tires regardless of size
- County reimbursement is \$70/ton

## Issues (continued)



- Wholesalers pay tire pre-disposal fees on behalf of tire dealers
- Counties may charge additional fees for tires to compensate for costs that exceed grant reimbursement
- County tire collection programs vary across the state



# Improvement



DOR's newly created pilot website

<http://www.tn.gov/revenue/tirefee/tire.htm>

Solutions??



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